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SUBJECT: US INDIAN TROPICAL PRODUCTS AGREEMENT

REF: DACCA 5320

1. THE US INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT THE INDIA-US TROPICAL
PRODUCTS AGREEMENT ON AN MFN BASIS. THEREFORE, THE NEW
TARIFF RATES WILL APPLY TO BANGLADESH.

2. THIS IS AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WHICH WE HOPE WILL BECOME
PART OF AN OVERALL MTN PACKAGE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MTN
NEGOTIATIONS. THE QUESTION OF BINDING WILL BE ADDRESSED AT
THAT TIME. THE FACT THAT THE CONCESSIONS IN THE PRESENT
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TROPICAL PRODUCTS AGREEMENT ARE NOT BOUND MEANS THAT THERE
IS NO FORMAL LEGAL OBLIGATION UNDER THE GATT TO MAINTAIN
THE CONCESSIONS. BINDING MEANS FORMAL NOTIFICATION BY A
COUNTRY TO THE GATT OF A PARTICULAR CONCESSION. THIS ESTA-
BLISHES A LEGAL OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN THAT CONCESSION
(E.G., NOT TO RAISE DUTIES ABOVE THE BOUND LEVEL) EXCEPT
UNDER THE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS DEFINED IN GATT ARTICLES.

THESE GATT ARTICLES GENERALLY ALSO EITHER REQUIRE COMPENSA-
TION (E.G., LOWERING ANOTHER TARIFF ON A PRODUCT OF EQUIVA-
LENT TRADE VALUE) WHEN A COUNTRY WITHDRAWS A BOUND CONCES-

SION, OR AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATE RETALIATION ON THE PART OF
THE AFFECTED COUNTRY. CHRISTOPHER

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